

1 THESSALONIANS
Chapter 4 Bible Study

Day 2 (Week 9)

Questions

1. In what way did Paul encourage the Church in Thessalonica to live? (V1) _____

2. On whose authority was Paul speaking? (V2) _____

3. What is God's will for us who follow Jesus? (V3) _____

NOTE: *To live a holy life means that you have dedicated your life to living for Jesus. Your actions are no longer determined by what you want, but by what God wants.*

4. How do people who don't know God live? (V5) _____

5. What does the Bible say will happen to a person who cheats with someone's spouse? (V6) _____

6. Who are we rejecting when we go against the teaching found in scripture? (V8) _____

7. Who has taught us to love one another? (V9) _____

8. What should our goal be as followers of Jesus Christ? (3 things from V11) _____

9. If we do those three things, what will the result be? (V12) _____

10. When Jesus returns to the earth, who will He bring back with Him? (V14) _____

11. Who will meet Jesus first, believers who are alive when He returns, or those who have already died? (V15) _____

12. How will we know when Jesus returns? (V16) _____

13. What will happen first when Jesus returns, and what will happen after that? (V16-17) _____

14. How long will we be with Jesus at that time? (V17b) _____

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4

¹ Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to live in a way that pleases God, as we have taught you. You live this way already, and we encourage you to do so even more. ² For you remember what we taught you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

³ God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. ⁴ Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor— ⁵ not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and his ways. ⁶ Never harm or cheat a Christian brother in this matter by violating his wife, for the Lord avenges all such sins, as we have solemnly warned you before. ⁷ God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives. ⁸ Therefore, anyone who refuses to live by these rules is not disobeying human teaching but is rejecting God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you. ⁹ But we don't need to write to you about the importance of loving each other, for God himself has taught you to love one another. ¹⁰ Indeed, you already show your love for all the believers throughout Macedonia. Even so, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you to love them even more.

¹¹ Make it your goal to live a quiet life, minding your own business and working with your hands, just as we instructed you before. ¹² Then people who are not Christians will respect the way you live, and you will not need to depend on others.

The Hope of the Resurrection

¹³ And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.

¹⁵ We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the Christians who have died will rise from their graves. ¹⁷ Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ So encourage each other with these words.

Reflection/Application: What is the one thing that really stood out to you, and how can you apply it to your life? _____

Prayer Guide: Based upon the second part of the Lord's Prayer (*May Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven*), Pray for God's will to be done in your life, and in the life of those around you.

Answer Key

1. Live in a way that pleases God.
2. The Lord Jesus Christ.
3. To be holy and to stay away from all sexual sin.
4. They live in lustful passion.
5. The Lord will avenge them.
6. We are disobeying and rejecting God.
7. God.
8. Live a quiet life, mind your own business, work with your hands.
9. We will be respected by non-Christians, and we won't need to depend on others.
10. Jesus will bring back all believers who have died in the past.
11. Believers who have already died.
12. Jesus will come from heaven with a commanding shout, the voice of an archangel, and the trumpet call of God.
13. First those who are dead will rise from the grave, then together with them those who are still alive on the earth will rise and we will all meet the Lord Jesus in the air.
14. We will then be with the Lord Jesus forever.